

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7628

Joint Petition of Green Mountain Power Corporation,)
Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Vermont)
Electric Power Company, Inc. for a certificate of public)
good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. Section 248, to construct up)
to a 63 MW wind electric generation facility and)
associated facilities on Lowell Mountain in Lowell,)
Vermont, and the installation or upgrade of)
approximately 16.9 miles of transmission line and)
associated substations in Lowell, Westfield, and Jay,)
Vermont)

Order entered: 8/24/2010

ORDER RE: MOTIONS TO INTERVENE

In this Order, the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") addresses motions to intervene from Conservation Law Foundation ("CLF"), and Vermont Public Interest Research Group ("VPIRG").¹

As an initial matter, we note that this proceeding is expected to have a large number of parties. We encourage parties with similar interests to work together in the preparation of testimony and discovery and the examination of witnesses. To reduce duplicative testimony and examination, the Board also has the authority to require parties to join with other parties "with respect to appearance by counsel, presentation of evidence or other matters." We do not impose any such requirements at this time, but may in the future if the "interests of justice and economy of adjudication require."²

1. The Town of Craftsbury also submitted a motion to intervene to the Board on July 29, 2010. However, on August 11, 2010, the town informed the Clerk of the Board that the motion had not been served on other parties to the Docket. Accordingly, it is premature for the Board to rule on the motion until it is served on the other parties to the proceeding, and the five-business-day comment period has expired.

2. Board Rule 2.209(C).

CLF

CLF states that it is a private, non-profit, environmental membership organization dedicated to the protection and responsible use of New England's natural resources. This includes "ensuring that the degradation of the natural environment resulting from the provision of electricity in Vermont and the region is minimized." It states that its members have a substantial interest in the promotion of clean and cost-effective renewable energy, appropriate siting of wind facilities, and economic impacts from the proposed project.

No comments were filed on CLF's motion.

We grant CLF's motion to intervene on a permissive basis pursuant to PSB Rule 2.209(B). CLF's intervention is limited to the interests that it identified in its motion.

VPIRG

VPIRG states that it is a consumer and environmental organization that seeks to protect and promote the "health of Vermont's people, environment, and locally-based economy." VPIRG states that its members have an interest in impacts arising from continued reliance on fossil fuels and nuclear fuel, as well as wind generation of electricity and the development of in-state renewable energy resources. VPIRG further states that these interests specifically include orderly development of the region, use of least-cost facilities, economic impacts, aesthetics, and public health and safety.

No comments were filed on VPIRG's motion.

We grant VPIRG's motion to intervene on a permissive basis pursuant to PSB Rule 2.209(B). VPIRG's intervention is limited to the interests that it identified in its motion.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 24th day of August, 2010.

<u>s/ James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/ David C. Coen</u>)	BOARD
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<u>s/ John D. Burke</u>)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: August 24, 2010

ATTEST: s/ Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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